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## ***Memorandum***

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: January 2, 2008

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

W. I. 1125

RE: FY 2007-08 Caltrans Planning Grants: Funding Agreement: National Indian Justice Center (NIJC)

As part of the FY2007-08 Caltrans Planning Grants program, the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) was awarded a Caltrans Environment Justice Planning Grant for the Safe Journeys project. The grant will create an educational video and work book to address driver and pedestrian safety issues in California Indian tribal communities.

Caltrans requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in each region to apply on behalf of non-profits for the environmental justice grant program. Once Caltrans has selected projects for funding, Caltrans directs the funds through the MPOs to the selected sub-applicants who are responsible for performing the work. Each year MTC executes funding agreements with each of the sub-applicants to facilitate this process.

The grant is part of the same FY2007-08 Caltrans Planning Grants cycle for which the Committee approved similar funding agreements in October. However, award notification for this grant was received later than the other grants.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend that the Administration Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a funding agreement with NIJC, subject to amendment of the FY 2007-08 Agency Budget to include this grant (Agenda Item 6).

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## REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

### Summary of Proposed Funding Agreement

Work Item No.:	1125
Consultant:	National Indian Justice Center (NIJC)
Work Project Title:	Caltrans Planning Grant: Environmental Justice grant program.
Purpose of Project:	Conduct planning activities in accordance with SP&R and SHA grant objectives.
Brief Scope of Work:	The grant will create an educational video and work book to address driver and pedestrian safety issues in California Indian tribal communities.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$222,519 (SHA)
Funding Source:	State Highway Account, local match provided by NIJC
Fiscal Impact:	None
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the NIJC, in the amount indicated, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for such funding agreement.
Administration Committee:	<hr/> Bob Blanchard, Chair
Date Approved:	January 9, 2008